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SUBJECT: IRAQI ACTIVITY

1. CROWN PRINCE PROVIDED ME WITH SOME INFORMATION
ON CURRENT IRAQI FEELERS IN ARAB WORLD TO IMPROVE TIES.

2. ON JORDAN, HE NOTED THAT IRAQIS HAD SEEN GOJ
AMBASSADOR IN BAGHDAD, HAD SAID THEY WANTED TO IMPROVE
RELATIONS, AND HAD SUGGESTED GOJ'S LOOSENING RESTRICTIONS
ON IRAQI EMBASSY IN AMMAN. THEY CLAIMED ABU NIDAL
(SABRI AL BANNA) WAS UNDER HOUSE ARREST AND THAT
IRAQIS HAD FORBIDDEN HIS GROUP TO ACT AGAINST JORDAN.
HASSAN IMPLIED THAT SYRIA WAS STILL FAIR GAME.

3. IN KUWAIT, HASSAN SAID IRAQI DELEGATION OF 60
OR 70 HAD GONE ON A PATCH-UP MISSION. GOJ AMBASSADOR
IN BAGHDAD BELIEVED IRAQIS ARE BROKE AND ARE SEEKING
FUNDS FROM GOK TO SUPPORT IRAQI DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS.

4. REGARDING SYRIA, HASSAN CONFIRMED THAT ASAD HAD
TOLD HIM SOME WEEKS AGO THAT SYRIANS HAD BEEN RESPONDING
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TO SOME QUIET APPROACHES FROM IRAQ. HASSAN SAID HE
BELIEVED THAT IT WAS ON A BAATH PARTY-TO-PARTY BASIS
WHICH KEPT ASAD IN SOME CONTROL, BUT PERSONALLY NOT
ENGAGED WHILE HE WORKED OUT WHAT IRAQIS WANTED.

5. HASSAN SAID IT IS HIS OWN OPINION THAT SOVIETS
HAVE URGED IRAQ TO BECOME MORE FLEXIBLE TO REDUCE ITS

ISOLATION IN THE ARAB WORLD AND ALSO IN AN EFFORT TO
BLOCK OR TRY TO BLOCK KUWAITI AND SAUDI FUNDING
SUPPORT FOR MOROCCAN AND EGYPTIAN EFFORTS TO STOP
SOVIET-SUPPORTED MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM ANGOLA
AGAINST THE SHABA PROVINCE OF ZAIRE.
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